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Whitney Bailey is an Associate Professor and the Bryan Close Professor in Adulthood & Aging at Oklahoma State University. Through her work, Dr. Bailey addresses the complex processes of caregiving and has received state, federal, and foundation funding to support her efforts. She currently leads a federally-funded project aimed at mobilizing the Cooperative Extension Network to meet the complex demands of caregiving, specifically through programs for caregivers and hospital discharge planners. Dr. Bailey is passionate about improving caregiving policies and programs; understanding from both personal and professional experiences that caregiving is invariably complex. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Gerontology, Grief and Loss, and Coping with Family Crises and is dedicated to training the next generation of advocates